(b) if so, what is the report about the buildings, teachers, attendance of students, availability of facilities required during study time and the level of education in primary schools in the country; and

(c) whether comprehensive improvement is required in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) The Sixth All India Educational Survey, 1993 carried out a comprehensive survey of buildings, teachers and availability of facilities in primary schools in the country. Since then a large number of initiatives like the DPEP in 219 districts of 15 states, Lok Jumbish in 75 blocks of Rajasthan, National Programme for Nutritional support for Primary Education for children all over the country and extension of the scheme of "Operation Black Board' to cover upper primary schools, has been initiated. These have considerably improved the position of buildings, teachers, attendance of students and availability of facilities, though even now the field surveys indicate that the position is still not satisfactory. It is on account of this that the proposed "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' for universal elementary education focusses on providing uncovered gaps based on decentralized planning with community ownership.

Smart School at Hyderabad

5112. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has rquested to consider locating a Smart School in association With sun Microsystems at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether selection of Hyderabad, as one of the locations for setting up smart schools in association with Sun Microsystems, has been finalised; and

(c) if not, by when a final decision would be taken in the matter;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present to set up "Smart Schools' in associaiton with Sun Microsystems. However, setting up a Teacher Training Centre, in association with Sun Microsystems, at Hyderabad is under consideration.

(c) Question does not arise.